

'Price in Proportion' - 'Large Figure' Service Indicator Stamps.

The Royal Mail 'Price in Proportion' postal price structure came into effect in the UK on the **21st August 2006** in an attempt to reflect the actual cost of postage. The price is based on the size of the item as well as weight. The system has three bands - Letter, Large Letter and Packet.

New 'Price in Proportion' (**PiP** for short) stamps were issued on **1st August 2006**. New 1st and 2nd Class 'Large Letter' stamps were designed in a larger format along with the word 'Large' included in the design, together with redesigned 1st and 2nd Class definitives for standard letters showing a new **larger** service indicator. Self Adhesive versions of the four stamps were introduced **15th August 2006** (Large), and **12th September 2006** (Small).



16 dies



3 dies



12 dies



5 dies

Commercial use of gummed stamps: SG2650-2653.

	PiPs			SG2651	SG2653	SG2650	SG2652
	Cat No	Letters	DDF	1st S	1st L	2nd S	2nd L
1	C0775.03M	CB/B	1	<i>1st S</i>		2nd S	
2	C3577.01M	C/I	4	1st S	1st L	2nd S	2nd L
3	C6835.01	C.S/B	0			<i>2nd S</i>	
4	D1365.01	DD/PS	2	1st S		2nd S	
5	E2020.01bM	EH/MC	2	1st S		2nd S	
6	G0760.01M	GC	0	<i>1st S</i>			
7	H0470.02aM	HB/C	1	1st S	<i>1st L</i>		
8	H1160.02M	HC	1			2nd S	
9	H3410.01M	HH/MC	3	1st S	<i>1st L</i>	2nd S	2nd L
10	K0260.01M	KC	3	1st S	<i>1st L</i>	2nd S	2nd L
11	L0315.01aM	LB/B	1	1st S	<i>1st L</i>		
12	L0340.06M	LB/C	2	1st S		2nd S	
13	L0390.01M	LB/G	1	1st S			
14	L0440.01M	L.B./H	1	1st S	<i>1st L</i>		
15	L0960.02M	LC	3	1st S	1st L	2nd S	<i>2nd L</i>
16	S1210.01M	SC	4	1st S	1st L	2nd S	2nd L
17	S1257.02	S\C	3	1st S		2nd S	2nd L
18	T1268.01M	TDC	1	1st S			
19	T2060.06M	TH	1	1st S			
20	W3455.02M	W/HA	2	1st S		2nd S	
		Totals >	36	16	3	12	5

The original list mixed gummed examples with self adhesives, so all have been placed in *italics*. **Bold upright** entries are for **confirmed gummed stamps**. Only confirmed stamps have been included in the Perfin count.



2 dies



0 dies



0 dies



0 dies

Commercial use of self adhesive stamps: SG2654-2657.

	PiPs			SG2655	SG2657	SG2654	SG2656
	Cat No	Letters	DDF	1st S	1st L	2nd S	2nd L
1	C0775.03M	CB/B	0	<i>1st S</i>			
2	C6835.01	C.S/B	0			<i>2nd S</i>	
3	E2020.01bM	EH/MC	1	1st S			
4	G0760.01M	GC	0	<i>1st S</i>			
5	H0470.02aM	HB/C	0		<i>1st L</i>		
6	H3410.01M	HH/MC	1	1st S	<i>1st L</i>		
7	K0260.01M	KC	0		<i>1st L</i>		
8	L0315.01aM	LB/B	0		<i>1st L</i>		
9	L0440.01M	L.B./H	0		<i>1st L</i>		
10	L0960.02M	LC	0				<i>2nd L</i>
		Totals >	2	2	0	0	0

The original list mixed gummed examples with self adhesives, so all have been placed in *italics*.

Bold upright entries are for **confirmed self adhesive stamps**. Only confirmed stamps have been included in the Perfin count.

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The Perfin details remain mixed gummed/self adhesive stamps.

	PiPs			SG2651/5	SG2653/7	SG2650/4	SG2652/6
	Cat No	Letters	DDF	1st S	1st L	2nd S	2nd L
1	D1543.01	DEE	3	1st S	1st L	2nd S	
2	P4145.01m	PS mono	2	1st S		2nd S	
3	Des0500.02	Triangle	2	1st S	1st L		



1 die



2 dies

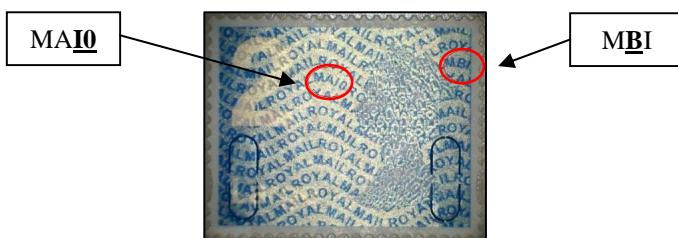


0 dies



1 die

U-shaped **security slits** were added in **2009** to the **self-adhesive** stamps to help deter the re-use of stamps that have passed through the postal system without being franked. Only the large format stamps were involved. Originally the security slits were ‘unbroken’, but later ‘broken’ slits were used. Iridescent marking was also introduced with hidden source code letters and year dates. The printers involved are De La Rue & Co Ltd, and Walsall Security Printers Ltd.



The **2nd Large** illustrated above shows the U-shaped security slits, two on each side of the stamp, along with the iridescent ROYAL MAIL wavy-lines overprint incorporating, in this example, the year code **MAI0** for **2010** and source code **MBI** for **Business sheet**. The iridescent overprint on the **1st Large Diamond Jubilee stamp** (issued was DIAMOND JUBILEE rather than ROYAL MAIL).

A hidden ‘Source Code’ Letter in the iridescent wavy-line ‘ROYAL MAIL’ text was introduced as a means of identifying the **source** of a stamp, in that a ‘hidden’ code letter was applied to printings that do **NOT** come from counter sheets. These hidden source code identification letters occur in just one position per stamp.

Source Code Letters used Booklets, Business Sheets, etc.

B - Business Sheets - both standard size and Large NVI.

C - Customised Booklets including Design Classics 1, Design Classics 2, etc.

F - Standard Retail Booklets of four Large NVI.

M - Minisheets.

P - Stitched Prestige Booklet panes.

R - Coils - From Self Adhesive Large User Rolls of 10,000 NVI, and normal gummed Vending Machine Rolls of 500 and 1,000 NVI.

S - Standard Retail Booklets of Six NVI.

T - Standard Retail Booklets of Twelve NVI.

Another ‘hidden’ code was introduced into the iridescent wavy-line text from 2010 and signified the year the warrant for printing the stamps was issued, which is not necessarily the year in which the stamps were printed or indeed issued.

Year Code Letter Substitution.

2009 - None 2010 - MAI0 2011 - MAII 2012 - MAI2

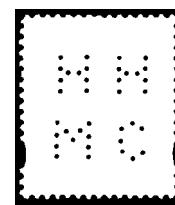
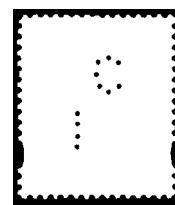
The sequence is somewhat complex, as the table below shows for the three years 2010-2012. **Blue** entries are from **sheets** and **business sheets**, those in ***italics*** are from **booklets**, although stamps from booklets are highly unlikely to have been commercially perfinned.

Code Year	Printer	Year Code	Source Code	1 st Large Gold	2 nd Large Bright Blue	1 st Large Slate Blue	1 st Large Vermillion
2010	De La Rue	MAI0	---	MAI0	MAI0	---	---
	De La Rue	MAI0	MBIL	MAI0 - MBIL	MAI0 - MBIL	---	---
	Walsall	MAI0	MFIL	MAI0 - MFIL	MAI0 - MFIL	---	---
2011	De La Rue	MAI1	---	MAII	MAII	---	---
	De La Rue	MAI1	MBIL	MAII - MBIL	MAII - MBIL	---	---
	Walsall	MAI1	MFIL	MAII - MFIL	MAII - MFIL	---	---
2012	De La Rue	MAI2	---	---	MAI2	---	MAI2
	Walsall	MAI2	MBIL	---	MAI2 - MBIL	---	MAI2 - MBIL
	Walsall	MAI2	MFIL	---	MAI2 - MFIL	---	MAI2 - MFIL
Diamond Jubilee Issue							
2012	Walsall	---	None	---	---	None	---
	Walsall	---	LFE	---	---	LFE	---
	Walsall	---	LBE	---	---	LBE	---

The following Perfins are known on the **Large Service Indicator PiP's** with the *iridescent overprint* - source and year code letters are quoted. Not surprisingly, all recorded stamps have come from **Business sheets**.

Commercial use of Source and date Code stamps:

* This is the most recent use of a Perfin reported on a G.B. postage stamp, dating to **July 2015**.



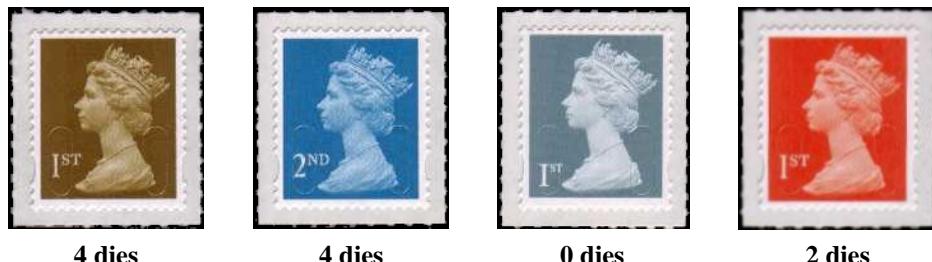
Cat No	Letters	Die in use	User	1 st Large Gold	2 nd Large Bright Blue	1 st Large Slate Blue	1 st Large Vermillion
C3577.01M	C\I	1995-2015*	Camden & Islington NHS Trust.	MBIL - MA10	MBIL - MA12	---	MBIL - MA13*
H3410.01M	HH/MC	1952-2013	Herefordshire HMC, Eign St, Worcester.	---	MBIL - MA11	---	---

* Known used with part '75th anniversary Battle of Britain' Royal Mail cancel (used **July 2015**).

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	Cat No	Letters	1 st Large Gold	2 nd Large Bright Blue	1 st Large Slate Blue	1 st Large Vermillion
1	P4145.01m	PS mono	---	2 nd Bright Blue - MA13	---	---

Although not strictly covered by the ‘Large Figure’ Service Indicator title, the ‘NVI’ (No Value Indicated) definitives for 1st, 2nd, and ‘E’ also exist as gummed, self adhesive, and self adhesive with iridescent overprint. Both ‘unbroken’ and ‘broken’ security slits can be found, but have not been recorded in the Perfin record. With the exception of ‘E’, the *‘iridescent’ overprinted series* have been tabulated here to record the Perfin/stamp information.

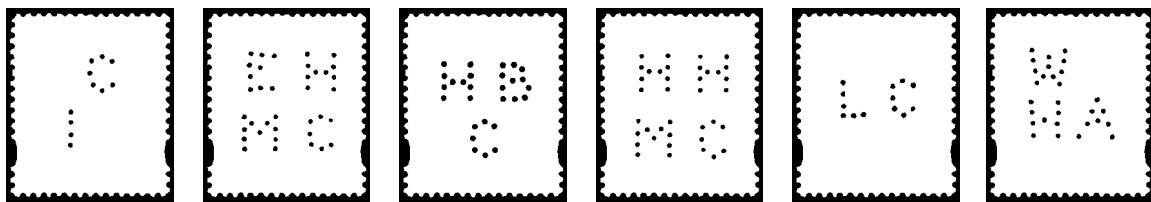


As before, the sequence is somewhat complex, as the table below shows for the four years 2009-2012. **Blue** entries are from **sheets** and **business sheets**, those in **brown italics** are from **booklets**. Please note that the list does not include coils and mini-sheets. Stamps from booklets are highly unlikely to have been commercially perfinned.

Code Year	Printer	Year Code	Source Code	1 st Gold	2 nd Bright Blue	1 st Slate Blue	1 st Vermillion
2009	De La Rue	---	---	MBIL	MBIL	---	---
	Walsall	---	---	MCIL	---	---	---
	Walsall	---	---	MSIL	---	---	---
	Walsall	---	---	MTIL	MTIL	---	---
2010	De La Rue	MA10	---	MA10	MA10	---	---
	De La Rue	MA10	MBIL	MA10 - MBIL	MA10 - MBIL	---	---
	Walsall	MA10	MCIL	MA10 - MCIL	---	---	---
	Walsall	MA10	MPIL	MA10 - MPIL	MA10 - MPIL	---	---
	Walsall	MA10	MSIL	MA10 - MSIL	---	---	---
	Walsall	MA10	MTIL	MA10 - MTIL	MA10 - MTIL	---	---
2011	De La Rue	M11L	---	M11L	M11L	---	---
	De La Rue	M11L	MBIL	M11L - MBIL	M11L - MBIL	---	---
	Walsall	MA11	MCIL	MA11 - MCIL	---	---	---
	Walsall	M11L	MSIL	M11L - MSIL	---	---	---
	Walsall	M11L	MTIL	M11L - MTIL	M11L - MTIL	---	---
2012	De La Rue	M12L	---	---	M12L	---	M12L
	Walsall	M12L	MBIL	---	M12L - MBIL	---	M12L - MBIL
	Walsall	M12L	MCIL	---	---	---	M12L - MCIL
	Walsall	M12L	MSIL	---	---	---	M12L - MSIL
	Walsall	M12L	MTIL	---	M12L - MTIL	---	M12L - MTIL
Diamond Jubilee Issue							
2012	De La Rue	---	None	---	---	None	---
	De La Rue	---	MBND	---	---	MBND	---
	Walsall	---	MCND	---	---	MCND	---
	Walsall	---	MSND	---	---	MSND	---
	Walsall	---	MTND	---	---	MTND	---

The following Perfins are known on 'NVI' self adhesive (SA) stamps initially without, then with 'Security Slits' (SS). With regard to stamps with the iridescent overprint, the source and year code letters are also quoted. Not surprisingly, all stamps recorded with the iridescent o/p have come from Business sheets.

Commercial use of NVI stamps (small size):



Cat No	Letters	Die in use	User	1 st Gold	2 nd Bright Blue	1 st Slate Blue	1 st Vermillion
C3577.01M	C\I	1995-2015	Camden & Islington NHS Trust.	SA-SS	MBIL - MA12	---	---
E2020.01bM	EH/MC	1985-2009	Ø Enfield Group HMC, Chase Farm Hospital, Enfield, Middx.	SA-SS	---	---	---
H0470.02aM	HB/C	1941-2014	Hartlepool Borough Council, Civic Centre, Hartlepool.	---	---	---	MBIL - M13L
H3410.01M	HH/MC	1952-2013	Herefordshire HMC, Eign St, Worcester.	SA only. SA-SS MBIL - MA10	SA only. SA-SS MBIL - MA10 MBIL - MA11 MBIL - MA12	---	MBIL - M13L
L0960.02M	LC	1941-2010	Multiple users: Mainly Councils, Boroughs, and Corporations.	MBIL - MA10	SA only.	---	---
W3455.02M	W/H.A	1985-2006	Multiple users: - Wandsworth Health Authority. - Walsall Hospitals NHS Trust.	---	SA only.	---	---

Private use!

The 'iridescent o/p' source/year coded stamp details for the following Perfins are stated where known. Both Perfins are still in current use.

	Cat No	Letters	1 st Gold	2 nd Bright Blue	1 st Slate Blue	1 st Vermillion
1	P4145.01m	PS mono	MTIL - MA10 MBIL - MA10	MTIL - M11L None - M12L MBIL - M12L None - M13L MBIL - M13L	None - MBND	None - M12L MTIL - M14L
2	Des0500.02	Triangle	---	M11L	---	---

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